

L. S. G. (1934) Department.

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G.O. No. 2594 G.H.

DATED 5-11-34

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Leprosy -

Leper beggars in streets - Control of - Legislation - Considered  
not necessary - Collector of South Kanara informed.

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South Kanara Collector's Office,  
Camp: Mulki, dated 13th August 1934.

From

E. M. Gawne, Esq, I.C.S.,  
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to Government,  
Law (General) Department,  
Madras.

S i r,

Leppers--Leper beggars in the streets --contol of.

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The campaign against leprosy which the Government has started in the last two years has brought to the forefront the question of leper beggars in the streets. In Mangalore there are a number of such beggars who trade on the repulsiveness of their appearance to obtain charity from people who go by. Not only are they a source of annoyance to the people but they are also a source of danger to the public since they spend the day sitting or lying on the sides of the road where persons of all ages walk with bare feet. There appears however to be no effective way of removing such persons from roads. If they are prosecuted under section 38 of the Town Nuisances Act (H.M. II 1889) they can be imprisoned for 8 days. I think however that the Government would raise objection if I required the Police to prosecute such persons with a view to sending them to prison; since the frequent presence of lepers in the Sub jail would be a matter of added anxiety to the Jail Superintendent. I attempted to find out what was done in Madras, but have not been able to find that beggars may be forced to go to some poor house instead of being committed to prison.

2. The Mangalore Leprosy Committee working in the District Leprosy Council would like to take steps to establish a Leper Home for such leper beggars. These men cannot be taken into the leper

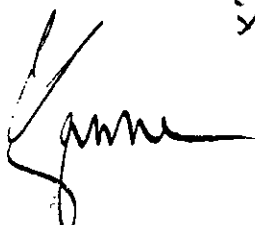
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hospital at Kankanady because medical opinion is that they are not curable. <sup>and the hospital is full</sup> If such a Leper Home can be constructed it may be argued that atleast leper beggars will have a shelter where they can sleep at night. It is however equally desirable that they should not expose themselves in the streets during the day.

3. I request to be informed whether the Government have any legislation in view which would enable the Bench to order that if a leper<sup>n</sup> found begging in the streets he could be compelled to go into a Leper Home, if such a Home was managed in a satisfactory way.

4. If the Government have no such legislation in view I request to be informed how the Police should act in order to keep leper beggars off the streets.

Your obedient servant,

  
Collector.

*Y. J. ...  
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(Pub. Policy)*

*Law Dept.*

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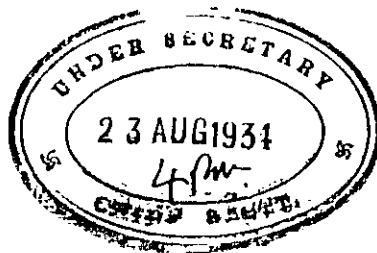
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Public (Police) Dept

Subject: . Beggars - Leper beggars in the streets - control of.

from the Coll. of S. Kanara d. 13.8.34

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Law (Genl) Dept

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Public (Police) Dept

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22.8.34

Public (Police) Dept

Please see the the letter from the D.H. ~~minutes~~ of S. Kanara in the C.F. Paras 3 and 4 of the letter require a reply. As regards para 3 it is submitted that there is at present no proposal in this Dept to undertake legislation to enable the Bench to order that if ~~any~~ leper is found begging in the streets he should be compelled to go into a Leper Home, if such a Home was managed in a ~~the~~ satisfactory way. Mr. Basudev M.L.C. has given notice of a Bill for the better controlling of beggars in

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(with file))

~~circulated on 12.8.34~~  
The previous pp. (with file) to all H.M.Cs, H.M.C. & H.E. The control in this Dept re. Beggar of pauper ~~lepers~~ ~~lepers~~ in the municipal control are put up in that file. is mainly a problem under the

Lepers Act, 1898 and ~~under~~ the  
Town Nuisance Act, 1889. The Committee  
of the Madras Corporation which reported  
on the beggar problem in 1925 or so  
would also appear to have tackled  
the question of leper beggars in Madras city.

Submitted that the file may be  
sent <sup>first</sup> to L.S.G. (Lm) and (P.H) and  
Law <sup>Min</sup> for remarks.

(Refer to ...)

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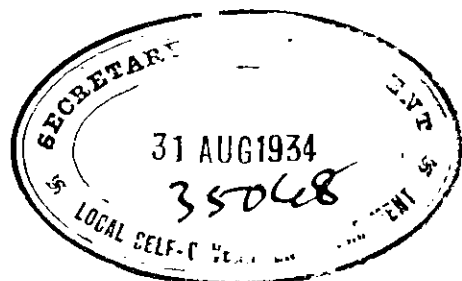
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With reference to portion "A" above of the  
note of the Public Dept. it is submitted

that a summary of the recommendations  
of the Beggar Problem Committee  
appointed by the Corporation of Madras  
in 1924 and of the order of the Court  
thereon will be found in the note in

para 1-4 on pp 6-7 of G.O. No. 2045 D. 100

The term of freedom is also maintaining a poor house.  
1.10.28. With these remarks the file may be

passed on to Law Dept. for.

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9.9.34

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c.c. or file)

The question of extending the Lepers Act of 1898 to the city of Madras or to any part of the Presidency was considered in 1933 and it was dropped. It was considered that the question of Control of Lepers by legislation was neither necessary nor desirable. The considerations which weighed with the Govt in coming to this decision were the following: -

- (1) The provisions of the Lepers Act were out of date and too antiquated to fit in with the modern conditions.
- (2) ~~The fact that~~ The only remedy provided under the Act was compulsory segregation of pauper lepers.
- (3) The necessity <sup>for</sup> ~~of~~ providing adequate accommodation for a large number of lepers ~~either~~ would mean an enormous expenditure to the Govt on buildings, staff and maintenance.
- (4) ~~The fact that~~ Most of the pauper lepers belong to the "burnt-out" variety which is non-infectious according to the latest results of modern research.
- (5) The difficulty of detecting infectious cases of leprosy which are hidden or covered.
- (6) The introduction of any element of

Compulsion is likely to destroy the confidence which the Govt are trying to establish between lepers and medical officers and to induce a yet greater degree of concealment than exists at present.

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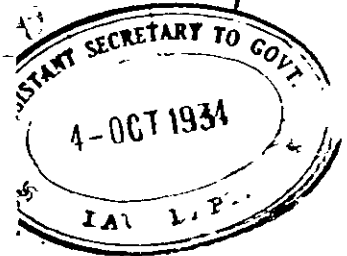


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L.G. 7668 B

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H.S.  
This department is concerned with the portion of the Cdl's letter at K. as per. In <sup>the</sup> reasons stated therein, prosecution of leper beggars under the Madras Town Nuisances Act, 1889. (III of 1889) is open to objection.

With these remarks the file may be returned to Public (Police).

In the interest of the leprosy patients in the district of...  
The Secretary.

L.G. No. 7668 B-1

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Public (Police)

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In Nader no attempt is made to keep leper off the streets.

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Please see paras 3 and 4 of  
the DMS letter re the CF and  
the rules at pp 1-4 ante. With  
reference to para 4 of the DMS  
letter it is for orders whether he  
may be informed that the Govt  
do not consider that any measures  
should at present be taken by the  
police to keep beggar lepers off  
the streets. A draft memo is  
subd for consideration. It may  
perhaps issue re L.S.G.

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May be sent to L.S.G.

for issue.

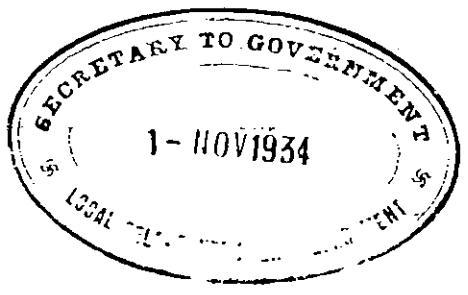
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The draft order memo may be accepted.

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Public Police Dept  
Order  
Miss Beggar - letter beggars in  
Streets - Control of - Ref  
to M's letter dated 13.8.34.

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With reference to his  
letter quoted above, the M.  
of South Kanara is —  
informed that the Govt  
have, at present, no  
legislation in view for the  
purpose referred to in  
para 3 of <sup>his</sup> letter. The  
question of extending the  
Lepus Act, 1898, to the  
City of Madras or to any  
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To  
The Hon. of Sindh  
Kamran  
Copy to the P. (Police) dep  
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